



Correction

33125-24

Inmate Name: Cyrus Whitson TDOC Number: 237655
Institution: NEP Housing Unit: _____
Institution Grievance Number: 33125-24 TOMIS Grievance Number: 366260

Commissioner's Response and Reasons:

The Assistant Commissioner of Clinical Services/Designee has reviewed the grievance and:

☐ Concur with Warden ☒ Concur with Supervisor ☐ Concur with Committee

06-18-2024
Date

For L.H. Hanna, /h Benjamin F. Boon
Assistant Commissioner of Prisons

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TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
INMATE GRIEVANCE RESPONSE

C. Whitson 237655 NECX 33125-24/366266
NAME NUMBER INSTITUTION & UNIT GRIEVANCE NUMBER

Summary of Evidence and Testimony Presented to Committee I'm claims medical took her off her estrogen patches because she refused to go to SPND.

Inmate Grievance Committee's Response and Reasons Request warden review

6/11/24 Sgt. Wagon CCO C. Vines
DATE CHAIRMAN MEMBER
Scotty Gault LMG _____
MEMBER MEMBER MEMBER

Warden's Response: Agrees with Proposed Response ☒
Disagrees with Proposed Response ☐
If Disagrees, Reason(s) for Disagreement _____

Action Taken: Concave with Supervisor
DATE: 6/12/24 WARDEN'S SIGNATURE: [Signature]
Do you wish to appeal this response? ☒ YES ☐ NO
If yes: Sign, date, and return to chairman for processing. Grievant may attach supplemental clarification of issues or rebuttal/reaction to previous responses if so desired.

Cyrus Whitson 6/13/2024 Sgt. Wagon
GRIEVANT DATE WITNESS
RECEIVED

Commissioner's Response and Reason(s): JUN 17 2024
BY: _____
Prison Operations

DATE SIGNATURE

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TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
INMATE GRIEVANCE

Cyrus R. Whitson ^{AKA} Cookie 237655 N.E.C.X 8/28
NAME NUMBER INSTITUTION & UNIT

DESCRIPTION OF PROBLEM: DELiberate INdIFFERENCE To A Serious Medical NEED.

REQUESTED SOLUTION: Remove Dr. Faber From Medical and the STAFF that He Had To Take my Meds from me and the STAFF that Has allowed him To practice Medicine Here AT N.E.C.X.

Cyrus R. Whitson Cookie
Signature of Grievant

5/18/24
Date

TO BE COMPLETED BY GRIEVANCE CLERK

33125-24/300-3600
Grievance Number

05-24-2024
Date Received

[Signature]
Signature Of Grievance Clerk

INMATE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE'S RESPONSE DUE DATE: _____

AUTHORIZED EXTENSION: _____
New Due Date Signature of Grievant

INMATE GRIEVANCE RESPONSE

Summary of Supervisor's Response/Evidence: _____

Chairperson's Response and Reason(s): _____

DATE: _____ CHAIRPERSON: _____

Do you wish to appeal this response? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes: Sign, date, and return to chairman for processing within five (5) days of receipt of first-level response.

Cyrus Whitson
GRIEVANT

6/4/24
DATE

[Signature]
WITNESS

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INMATE GRIEVANCE (continuation sheet)

DESCRIPTION OF PROBLEM: ON 5/17/24 AT 9:00AM I WAS CALLED TO Medical By Ms. Campbell and was told to bring all my K.O.P Meds upon my meeting with Ms. Campbell I gave her my K.O.Ps and she said to me you can not have your Estradiol Transdermal Systems patches back they have ~~been~~ BEEN D/C By Dr. Faber and I ask why and she said cause I refused to go to Special Needs back on 1-9-24 I said I signed that Refuseal for my Feet NOT my Heart. SO I filed a Grievance about it and I had a appointment made for me to go back to the Heart doctor in Kingsport Tenn. and I went to that appointment on 2-12-24 and I could not do the M.R.I cause I got Buckshots in my leg and at the time I had Real Bad Diarrhea. So I was told that they was going to try and do something else to see about X-Rays on my Heart BUT NOTHING HAS BEEN done to this date so in March 2024 I saw Doctor Awosanya By Telemeds. and she put me back on my Hormone meds the ESTROGEN patches and NOT the Spironolactone. So 2 mos. later Dr. Faber takes up on Himself once more to take my Hormones Meds from me again this is the 2nd time hes took my Hormone Meds. First time it was the Spironolactone. Cause He felt my ~~balls~~ Balls was Big enough and I didn't need this. This time He took the ESTROGENS patches as a punishment for me refusing to go to Special Needs. I left all my meds at Medical Cause my Hormone meds was took. But I went back and got my Meds if I'm NOT going to get my Hormone ESTROGENS Back then I'm NOT going to take none of my meds and just Die without my Hormone meds I don't care if I live or Die. He HAS NO RIGHT TO Take my meds my Meds Help me to ~~Remember~~ Remember and in a lots other ways and Now im so STRESSED OUT I feel I'm gonna have a Heart attack at any time im Very ~~Closed~~ Claustrophobia and I have a Bad Enlarged Heart and I can not Ride to Special Needs without Having a Heart attack. I will NOT go to Special Knowing my Heart will

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INMATE GRIEVANCE (continuation sheet)

DESCRIPTION OF PROBLEM:

Not last the trip without Having a Heart Attack on my way there, I want my meds Back at once. Medical Department is going to Be ~~the~~ the Cause of me Having a Heart Attack By Trying to Send me to Special Needs and taking my Meds and Stuff from me just as they took my Cain from me Cause I would not go to Special Needs and they know my feet is Very Bad and Hard for me to walk its They way of Making me Suffer in pain or punishing me. Because I want Risk my life to go to Special Needs so They makes me Suffer in pain and yes I do want to appeal this Grievance Cause im filing a 1983 Complaint on medical this time i've Had Enough of medical just doing me any way they want to they gonna End up Causing me to Have a Heart Attack or doing Something to Harm myself so Before this Happens to me im going to just file a suite about it.

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TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
RESPONSE OF SUPERVISOR OF GRIEVED EMPLOYEE OR DEPARTMENT

DATE: 05-24-2024

Please respond to the attached grievance, indicating any action taken.

Date Due: 06-03-2024

33125-24/366260
Grievance Number

C. Whitson
Inmate Name

237655
Inmate Number

W. Duty

Inmate Whitson as we discussed
regarding this issue.

Deliberate indifference cannot be stated
if you refuse services and you refused to
go to special needs to have your heart issues
addressed. So while you have seen the hernia
doctor and addressed that you haven't been
to the heart doctor to address that issue.
If you want to proceed forward you need
to step back and set up/attend your
heart appt.

[Signature]
SIGNATURE

06/03/24
DATE

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TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
HORMONE THERAPY CONSENT

The full medical effects and safety of hormone therapy are not fully known. There is an increased risk of the following adverse effects which may include, but are not limited to:

☐ Female to Male

- Increased cholesterol/fats in the blood which may increase risk for heart attack or stroke
- Increased number of red blood cells (increased hemoglobin), which may cause headache, dizziness, heart attack, confusion, visual disturbance, or stroke
- Acne
- Heart disease, arrhythmias, and stroke
- High Blood Pressure
- Liver disease and inflammation
- Increased (or decreased) sex drive and sexual functioning
- Psychiatric symptoms such as depression and suicidal feelings; anxiety, psychosis (disorganization and loss of touch with reality), and worsening of psychiatric illnesses
- Infertility
- Genital changes (enlargement of the clitoris and labia with vaginal dryness)
- Male pattern baldness with development of facial and body hair

☒ Male to Female

- Increased or decreased cholesterol and/or fats in the blood, which may increase the risk for heart attack or stroke
- Elevated levels of potassium in the blood, which may cause abnormal heart rhythms (if spironolactone is used)
- Blood clots (deep venous thrombosis, pulmonary embolism)
- Breast tumors/cancer
- Heart disease, arrhythmias, and stroke
- High blood pressure
- Liver disease and inflammation
- Pituitary tumors (tumor of small gland in the brain which makes prolactin)
- Acne (if progesterone is used)
- Increased or decreased sex drive and sexual functioning
- Psychiatric symptoms such as depression and suicidal feelings; anxiety, psychosis (disorganization and loss of touch with reality), and worsening of pre-existing psychiatric illness
- Testicular atrophy (decreased in size and function)
- Impotence (difficulty with penile erections)

Some side effects from hormones are irreversible and can cause death. The above risks and benefits of hormone therapy have been discussed with me, including the risk that hormone therapy will not accomplish the desired objective.

☒ I have read and understand the above information regarding hormone therapy and ACCEPT the risks involved.

☐ I have read and understand the above information regarding hormone therapy and DO NOT accept the risks involved

I have had sufficient opportunity to discuss my condition and treatment with my medical provider and I have adequate knowledge on which to base an informed consent for hormone therapy.

Cyrus Whitson
Signature of Patient

Date

Cyrus Randy Whitson
Legal Name of Patient

Signature of Primary Care Provider

Date

Name of Primary Care Provider (Printed)

A copy of this same form is in my Medical File and it does not leave
T.D.C. Reliable for nothing that happens to me I signed this form and
I am not a doctor



Department of
Corrections

NECX Grievance Committee Hearing

Date: 6/11/24
Chairperson: Sgt. Worley
Staff Member: County Jail CC2
Inmate Member: _____
Grievant: C. Whitson
Grievance #: 33125-24
Area Grievied: HSV

Begin Time: 910a End Time: 930a
Clerk: Tipton
Staff Member: C. Vines
Inmate Member: 23 McNeill
TDOC #: 237655
Tomis ID #: 3160260

Sergeant reviews with grievance Board and response along with any attached paperwork, and then asks if the Grievant has anything to add. Grievant/ Inmate states the following:

I'm stated that when she took her
medications to medical per request
they took her estrogen patches and
are not allowing her to continue her
medical course. I'm stated that the
doctor told her that they are taking -

Chairperson asks the Board for questions and Grievant responds:

Grievant is excused from hearing; Board's recommendation:

Review medications w/ medical &
AWT Andrews. Request warden
review.

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